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In re Application of	:	
Banham et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/580,397	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: February 13, 2007	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. HAMM0012UPCTUS	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 1, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Richard Neifeld on behalf of all attorneys of record, but does not include a Customer Number. Accordingly, since the practitioners were appointed by a Customer Number upon filing of the instant application, the Request must reflect withdrawal of practitioners associated with same Customer Number.

Further, the Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71*, or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

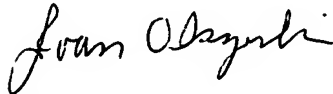
An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Therefore, as there is currently no Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) of record in the instant application, the Office cannot change the correspondence address to the address on the Request to Withdraw.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Olszewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Olszewski
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